(Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made. The Government has also given thrust on speedy economic development and generation of employment opportunities in the North Eastern States.

Jihad in Kashmir

1148. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Mast Gul (of CHARAR-E-SHARIEF fame 1995) is returning to the Kashmir Valley to fight "JIHAD" again; and

(b) if so, the special vigilance proposed on the Line of Control to ensure that such militants do not enter the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) While there is no specific input in this regard, the possibility of Mast Gul trying to infiltrate to take up terrorist activities in J and K cannot be ruled out. In any case Security Forces are vigilant and are taking all possible steps to curb infiltration which, *inter-alia*, includes strengthening border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, close surveillance of the border by intensive patrolling, conduct of special operations, Nakas and ambushes, provision of specialised equipments like night vision devices etc.

Agitation in Dharwad for Statehood

1149. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether agitations were held in Dharwad recently to form a separate State for North Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to issue guidelines to curb such demands that no districts are negelected in development activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Developemental activities in the districts are carried out by the State Governments. The Union Govt, issues guidelines on the utilisation of funds provided by it under centrally sponsored schemees